GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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WORKING GROUP ON BIO-FERTILISERS
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have a plan to promote the use of bio-fertilisers in the country;

(b) whether a working group has been set up on bio-fertilisers by the Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the composition, aim and objectives; and

(d) the time by which the Group is likely to submit its report?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO)

(a) Yes Sir. To Produce, distribute and promote the use of Biofertilisers in the country, Department of Agriculture and Cooperation in Government of India isimplementing a continuing Central Sector Scheme on Development and Use ofBiofertilisers during the 9th Plan. Under the scheme, one national and six regional Biofertiliser Development Centres have been established in the country. These centres are engaged in the collection, preservation and distribution of efficient strains of biofertilisers for the production and use by the farmers. These centres are also organising training and demonstrations on the use of biofertilisers. So far as many as 71 biofertiliser production units have been approved in different States under the scheme. The total production capacity of 10410 tonnes/annum of biofertilisers has been set up in the country with the Government support.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) & (d) in view of (b) above, question do not arise.